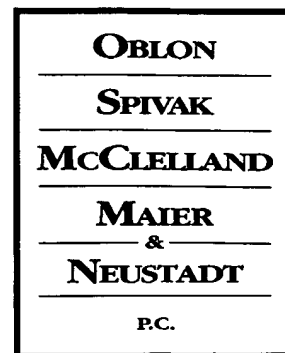




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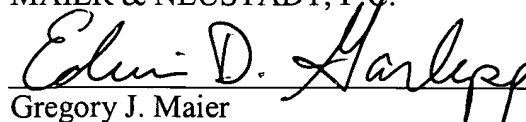
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Further to the response filed February 17, 2005, attached hereto is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) including machine translations of the references cited in the May 4, 2001 IDS. As agreed by the examiners in the February 16, 2005 interview, the machine translations of the cited references satisfies the requirement for a concise statement of relevancy for these references.

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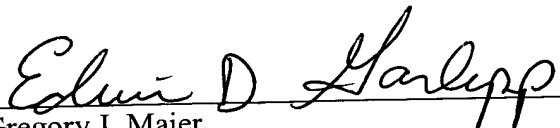
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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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